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The SPECTATOR.

—Quæ forma, ut ſe tibi ſemper
Imputet?— Juv.

Wedneſday, February 20. 1712.

SPECTATOR,

'Write this to communicate to you a Mis-
'fortune which frequently happens, and
'therefore deſerves a conſolatory Diſcourſe
'on the Subject. I was within this Half-
in the Poſſeſſion of as much Beauty and as
Lovers as any young Lady in *England*. But
Admirers have left me, and I cannot com-
of their Behaviour. I have within that
had the Small-Pox; and this Face, which
ding to many amorous Epiſtles which I
me) was the Seat of all that is beautiful
oman, is now diſfigured with Scars. It goes
very Soul of me to ſpeak what I really
of my Face; and tho' I think I did not o-
my Beauty while I had it, it has ex-
advanced in its Value with me now it is
There is one Circumſtance which makes
ſe very particular; the ugliеſt Fellow that
tended to me, was, and is moſt in my
, and he treats me at Preſent the moſt un-
ably. If you could make him return an
tion which he owes me, in liking a Perſon
not amiable;—But there is, I fear, no Poſ-
of making Paſſion move by the Rules of
and Gratitude. But ſay what you can to
who has ſurvived her ſelf, and knows not
to Act in a new Being. My Lovers are at
Feet of my Rivals, my Rivals are every Day
ling me, and I cannot enjoy what I am, by
ſon of the diſtracting Reflexion upon what I
Conſider the Woman I was did not dye of
Age, but I was taken off in the Prime of my
, and according to the Courſe of Nature
have Forty Years After-Life to come. I
nothing of my ſelf left which I like, but

I am,
SIR,
Your moſt Humble Servant,
Partheniſſa.

Lewis of *France* had loſt the Battle of
the Addreſſes to him at that time were
in Fortitude, and they turned his Misfor-
s Glory; in that, during his Proſperity,
never have manifeſted his heroick Con-
der Diſtreſſes, and ſo the World had loſt
eminent Part of his Character. *Partheniſſa*'s
gives her the ſame Opportunity; and to
queſts is a Taſk as difficult in a Beauty
In the very Entrance upon this Work
burn all her Love-Letters; or ſince ſhe is
as not to call her Lovers who follow her
unfaithful, it would be a very good Be-
of a new Life from that of a Beauty, to
back to thoſe who writ them, with this
ſcription, *Articles of a Marriage Treaty broken off by the Small-Pox.* I have known but one Inſtance where a Matter of this Kind went on after a like Misfortune; where the Lady, who was a Woman of Spirit, writ this Billet to her Lover.

SIR,

'IF you flattered me before I had this terrible
'Malady, pray come and ſee me now: But
'if you ſincerely liked me, ſtay away; for I am
'not the ſame. *Corinna.*

The Lover thought there was ſomething ſo ſprightly in her Behaviour, that he anſwered.

Madam,

'I Am not obliged ſince you are not the ſame
'Woman, to let you know whether I flatter-
'ed you or not; but I aſſure you, I do not, when I
'tell you I now like you above all your Sex, and
'hope you will bear what may befall me when we
'are both one, as well as you do what happens to
'your ſelf now you are ſingle; therefore I am
'ready to take ſuch a Spirit for my Companion as
'ſoon as you pleaſe. *Amilcar.*

If *Partheniſſa* can now poſſeſs her own Mind, and think as little of her Beauty as ſhe ought to have done when ſhe had it, there will be no great Diminution of her Charms; and if ſhe was formerly affected too much with them, an eaſy Behaviour will more than make up for the Loſs of them. Take the whole Sex together, and you find thoſe who have the ſtrongeſt Poſſeſſion of Mens Hearts are not eminent for their Beauty: You ſee it often happen that thoſe who engage Men to the greateſt Violence, are ſuch as thoſe who are Strangers to them would take to be remarkably defective for that End. The fondeſt Lover I know, ſaid to me one Day in a Crowd of Women at an Entertainment of Muſick, You have often heard me talk of my Beloved; That Woman there, continued he, ſmiling when he had fixed my Eye, is her very Picture. The Lady he ſhowed me was by much the leaſt remarkable for Beauty of any in the whole Aſſembly; but having my Curioſity extremely raiſed, I could not keep my Eyes off of her. Her Eyes at laſt met mine, and with a ſudden Surprize ſhe looked round her to ſee who near her was remarkably handſome that I was gazing at. This little Act explain'd the Secret: She did not underſtand her ſelf for the Object of Love, and therefore ſhe was ſo. The Lover is a very honeſt plain Man; and what charmed him was a Perſon that goes along with him in the Cares and Joys of Life, not taken up with her ſelf, but ſincerely attentive with a ready and chearful Mind to accompany him in either.

I can

I can tell *Partheniſſa* for her Comfort, That the Beauties, generally ſpeaking, are the moſt impertinent and diſagreeable of Women. An apparent Deſire of Admiration, a Reflexion upon their own Merit, and a precious Behaviour in their general Conduct, are almoſt inſeparable Accidents in Beauties. All you obtain of them is granted to Importunity and Sollicitation for what did not deſerve ſo much of your Time, and you recover from the Poſſeſſion of it, as out of a Dream.

You are aſham'd of the Vagaries of Fancy which ſo ſtrangely miſled you, and your Admiration of a Beauty, merely as ſuch, is inconſiſtent with a tolerable Reflexion upon your ſelf: The chearful good humoured Creatures, into whoſe Heads it never entered that they could make any Man unhappy, are the Perſons formed for making Men happy. There's Miſs *Liddy* can dance a Jigg, raiſe Paſte, write a good Hand, keep an Accompt, give a reaſonable Anſwer, and do as ſhe is bid, while her elder Siſter Madam *Martha* is out of Humour, has the Spleen, learns by Reports of People of higher Quality new Ways of being uneaſy and diſpleas'd. And this happens for no Reaſon in the World, but that poor *Liddy* knows ſhe has no ſuch thing as a certain Negligence *that is ſo becoming*, that there is not I know not what in *her Air*: And that if ſhe talks like a Fool, there is no one will ſay, Well! I know not what it is, but *every Thing pleaſes when ſhe ſpeaks it.*

Ask any of the Husbands of your great Beauties, and they'll tell you that they hate their Wives Nine Hours of every Day they paſs together. There is ſuch a Particularity for ever affected by them, that they are incumbered with their Charms in all they ſay or do. They pray at publick Devotions as they are Beauties; they converſe on ordinary Occaſions as they are Beauties. Ask *Bellinda* what it is a Clock, and ſhe is at a Stand whether ſo great a Beauty ſhould anſwer you. In a Word, I think inſtead of offering to adminiſter Conſolation to *Partheniſſa*, I ſhould congratulate her Metamorphoſis; and however ſhe thinks ſhe was not in the leaſt inſolent in the Proſperity of her Charms, ſhe was enough ſo to find ſhe may make her ſelf a much more agreeable Creature in her preſent Adverſity. The Endeavour to pleaſe is highly promoted by a Conſciouſneſs that the Approbation of the Perſon you would be agreeable to, is a Favour you do not deſerve; for in this Caſe Aſſurance of Succeſs is the moſt certain way to Diſappointment. Good-Nature will always ſupply the Abſence of Beauty, but Beauty cannot long ſupply the Abſence of Good-Nature.

P. S.

Madam, February 18.

'I Have yours of this Day, wherein you twice 'bid me not diſoblige you, but you muſt ex-'plain your ſelf farther before I know what to do.

Your moſt Obedient Servant
The SPECTATOR.

Not acted theſe four Years.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality.
By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Thurſday, the 21ſt of February, will be reviv'd a Comedy call'd, The Comical Revenge; or, Love in a Tub. By her Maj eſty's Command no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Mar this preſent Wednſday, being the 20th Day of February, will be performed an Opera call'd, Hydaſpes. The Boxes 8 s. Pit 5 s. Firſt Gallery 2 s. 6 d. Upper Gallery 1 s. 6 d. Boxes upon the Stage half a Guinea. To begin exactly at ſix. No Perſon to ſtand on the Stage.

At Punch's Theatre in the Little Piazza, C Garden, to Day and to Morrow, being the 20th and 21ſt of ſtant February, will be preſented an Opera call'd, King H Founder of the Bath: The Figur s being in the Dreſs of Britains, with the Walks, Groves, and the Repreſen King's Bath and new Pump houſe: The Figures of Gent dies and Guides, all moving in real Water. Begin a Clock. Boxes 2 s. Pit 1 s. Note, No Perſons with be admitted.

At the Golden Sugar-Loaf, right agai Houſe at Charing-Croſs, is juſt now made up, A rich Mourning Gowns for Men and Women, of brocaded Silks, mask Sattins and Callicoes, with ſuitable Linings, the Go bought of Perſons that fail'd, and are ſold conſiderable che any Shop can afford; with Canvis and the neweſt fashion Petticoats. N. B. Several pretend to ſell under the ſame Ho not half the Variety, nor ſo good Pennyworths.

Verdier's Hummums is in Belton-ſtreet, t of Brownlow-ſtreet; where Perſons may be privately bathed and cupped, with the ſame Inſtrument he himſelf vented, and is uſed no where elſe but at the ſaid Verdier and exceeds all others, tho' ſeveral have and do ſtill endea counterfeit the ſame. All Perſons who deſire to be cupped own Houſes, ſhall be carefully attended by his Succeſſor (a Daniel Hahn, who has practiſed it theſe many Years paſt. It is falſly reported that the Houſe is left off.

To be Sold by AUCTION.

On Thurſday the 21ſt Inſtant, beginning Clock preciſely, at a great Houſe a Door on this ſide the G and Hare in St. Mary Axe, the Houſhold Goods of Robert Eſq; and an eminent Merchant deceaſed; conſiſting of rich Beds, Mohair and other Beds, Tapiſtry Hangings, and all Houſhold-Goods, with a Library of Books, and a fine Coll Pictures. The Goods to be ſeen and Catalogues had this Morrow, before the Sale. The Houſe is to be Lett.

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Under the Houſe of Mr. Waters, Perfumer, Naked Boy and Jemmy-Tree, over-againſt the Talbot-Inn May-pole in the Strand, Excellent Red Oporto Wine, very fine and fit for Draught, at 14 l. per Hogſhead, and White at 15 l. per Hogſhead, and the Red Oporto Wine at 15 d. per and the White Oporto at 16 d. per Quart; and in the ſaid good Accommodation for Gentlemen at the ſame Price. N The ſame Place is ſold Superfine Barcelona Snuff.

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